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SUBJECT: GREEK VIEWS ON EC-9 CYPRUS INITIATIVE

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1. DCM MET THIS MORNING WITH MFA'S DIRGEN FOR POLITICAL
AFFAIRS JOHN TZOUNIS TO DISCUSS STATUS OF CYPRUS PROBLEM
AND EC-9 INITIATIVE. TZOUNIS STATED THAT ITALIAN CHARGE
FERRARI DI CARPI HAD COME IN TO SEE HIM AUGUST 11 AND HAD
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REPORTED THAT THE ITALIANS WANTED TO REFLECT FURTHER ON

VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM BEFORE ENGAGING IN SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY OR MAKING ANY OTHER FORM OF DIRECT APPROACH ON BEHALF OF THE EC-9. ACCORDING TO TZOUNIS THE ITALIANS ARE NOT SURE THAT THE TIME IS RIPE FOR A SPECIFIC EC-9 INITIATIVE. HE INDICATED THAT THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR IN NICOSIA HAD EXPRESSED SIMILAR VIEWS TO CYPRIOT FONMIN CHRISTOFIDES.

2. TZOUNIS SAID THAT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT DISAGREED WITH THIS VIEW AND THAT HE HAD URGED FARRARI DI CARPI TO SEIZE WHAT THE GREEKS REGARDED AS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE PROGRESS. TZOUNIS SAID THAT THREE EVENTS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN SEPTEMBER, EACH OF WHICH WOULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT AFFECT ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. THE UNGA WOULD OPEN AND TZOUNIS BELIEVED THAT IT WAS IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL PARTIES TO ACHIEVE ENOUGH PROGRESS TO AVOID ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE AND A CONSEQUENT HARDENING OF POSITIONS. THE US CONGRESS WOULD PRESUMABLY RECONSIDER THE QUESTION OF AID TO TURKEY IN SEPTEMBER. IT WOULD THUS APPEAR TO BE IN TURKISH INTERESTS TO REGISTER THE KIND OF PROGRESS THAT WOULD HAVE A FAVORABLE IMPACT ON CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES. LASTLY, ON SEPTEMBER 8 TO 9 THE FOURTH ROUND OF INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS WOULD BEGIN IN NEW YORK AND, IF THE TURKS WERE DISPOSED TO ADOPT A MORE FLEXIBLE POSITION, IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR THEM TO EXPRESS IT IN THIS FORUM THROUGH DENKTASH THAN IN ANY OTHER WAY.

3. FOR THESE REASONS TZOUNIS BELIEVED STRONGLY THAT THE ITALIANS SHOULD PRESS ONE. NOTING THAT THE EC-9 INITIATIVE HAD RECEIVED US BLESSING, HE ADDED THAT GOG HOPED THAT WE WOULD ENCOURAGE THE ITALIANS TO DO SO. INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN SENT TO GREEK CHARGE NOMIKOS IN WASHINGTON TO PRESENT THESE VIEWS TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

4. DCM ASKED WHETHER GOG HAD ANY OTHER REASON FOR BELIEVING THAT PRESENT TIME WAS PROPITIOUS. TZOUNIS REPLIED THAT THE GREEKS HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED BY THE LIMITED BUT POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS REGISTERED IN ROUND III OF INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS IN VIENNA. MORE GENERALLY THE GREEK GOVERNMENT REASONED THAT TURKEY

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WAS BEING SQUEEZED BY THE PRESSURE OF EVENTS AND MIGHT WELCOME HELP IN EXTRICATING ITSELF FROM THE PRESENT IMPASSE. THIS SUPPOSITION SHOULD AT LEAST BE TESTED AND THE EC-9 INITIATIVE WAS A FEASIBLE WAY TO DO SO. DCM ASKED WHETHER THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY TZOUNIS WERE SHARED BY MAKARIOS. THERE HAD BEEN SPECULATION IN THE GREEK AND CYPRIOT PRESS AFTER THE VIENNA MEETING THAT CLERIDES HAD EXCEEDED HIS MANDATE. TZOUNIS REPLIED THAT SPECULATION

OF THIS KIND WAS INEVITABLE IN VIEW OF THE ATTACK OF
LYSSARIDES ON CLERIDES. HE NOTED HOWEVER THAT THE
POSITION TAKEN BY CLERIDES IN VIENNA HAD BEEN ENDORSED BY
THE CYPRIOT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. THE GOG BELIEVED THAT,
WHATEVER THE STRAINS IN THEIR PERSONAL OR POLITICAL RE-
LATIONS, MAKARIOS WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BREAK WITH
CLERIDES AT THIS JUNCTURE.

5. DCM ASKED WHETHER THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAD SPECIFIC
VIEWS ON HOW THE ITALIANS SHOULD PROCEED IN ADVANCING
THE EC-9 INITIATIVE. TZOUNIS SAID THAT THIS WAS ENTIRELY
UP TO THEM. GREEK GOVERNMENT BELIEVED SIMPLY THAT THE
OBJECTIVE SITUATION WAS PROMISING IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE
AND THAT CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES SHOULD NOT BE LOST THROUGH
DELAY. HE REPEATED THAT GOG WOULD APPRECIATE OUR
ASSISTANCE IN CONVINCING THE ITALIANS AND THEIR EC-9
PARTNERS TO MOVE AHEAD PROMPTLY.
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